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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

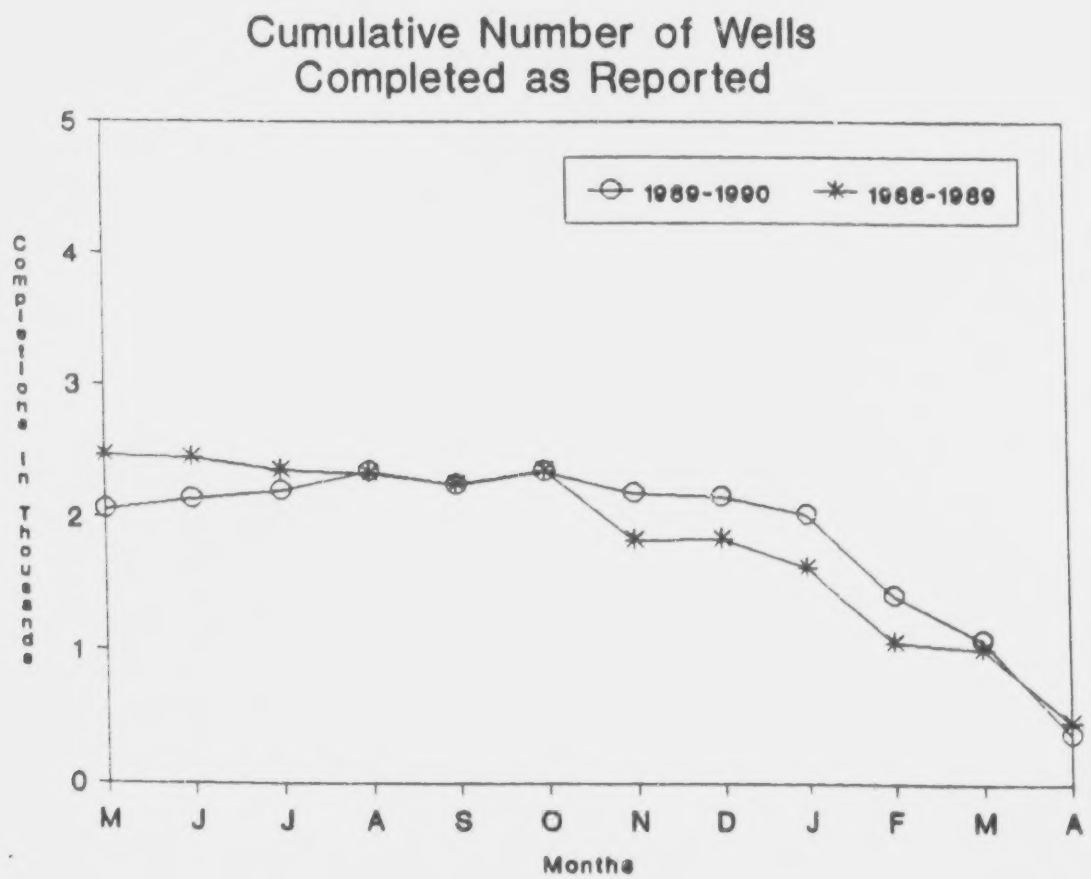

TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 27, 1990[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	1,930	9,049,912	1,286	7,741,262	1,666	9,449,640	4,882	26,240,814	4,981	26,639,339
1990: APR	118	425,619	30	170,267	223	1,187,548	371	1,783,434	374	1,806,441
MAR	433	1,960,186	241	1,491,679	407	2,312,500	1,081	5,764,365	1,106	5,860,254
FEB	574	2,750,721	418	2,576,033	422	2,410,432	1,414	7,737,186	1,445	7,849,095
JAN	805	3,913,386	597	3,503,283	614	3,539,160	2,016	10,955,829	2,056	11,123,549
TOTAL 1989	9,385	39,904,414	8,158	42,524,864	7,803	40,327,583	25,346	122,756,861	25,904	124,765,724
1989: DEC	795	3,520,490	676	3,858,523	683	3,712,980	2,154	11,091,993	2,193	11,229,788
NOV	795	3,449,107	702	3,701,899	679	3,583,936	2,176	10,734,942	2,236	10,963,043
OCT	826	3,593,898	757	3,794,030	757	3,764,451	2,340	11,152,379	2,384	11,334,062
SEP	777	3,412,642	765	3,736,145	697	3,655,754	2,239	10,804,541	2,264	10,916,656
AUG	888	3,429,450	768	3,833,521	688	3,523,203	2,344	10,786,174	2,417	11,004,336
JUL	806	3,198,909	720	3,624,531	669	3,352,181	2,195	10,175,621	2,249	10,375,729
JUN	799	3,462,428	671	3,253,411	661	3,327,005	2,131	10,042,844	2,167	10,155,511
MAY	831	3,386,441	588	3,045,524	636	3,111,497	2,055	9,543,462	2,097	9,673,979
APR	833	3,390,993	563	3,064,088	632	3,317,880	2,028	9,772,961	2,071	9,928,039
MAR	660	2,887,922	616	3,379,375	599	3,020,620	1,877	9,287,917	1,932	9,506,029
FEB	569	2,508,902	604	3,403,383	453	2,533,300	1,626	8,445,585	1,654	8,577,056
JAN	806	3,663,232	726	3,830,434	649	3,424,776	2,181	10,918,442	2,240	11,101,496
TOTAL 1988	13,064	56,627,178	8,153	43,297,955	9,891	51,798,015	31,108	151,723,148	32,039	154,621,165
1988: DEC	796	3,576,095	803	4,148,813	754	4,159,114	2,353	11,884,022	2,421	12,138,158
NOV	799	3,476,449	764	4,019,945	711	3,842,304	2,274	11,338,698	2,327	11,464,498
OCT	969	4,342,569	816	4,020,319	922	4,686,211	2,707	13,049,099	2,782	13,241,345
SEP	953	4,387,231	791	3,967,353	815	4,211,468	2,559	12,566,352	2,627	12,822,560
AUG	1,034	4,020,609	685	3,358,816	874	4,614,660	2,593	11,994,085	2,661	12,227,207
JUL	1,059	4,551,212	634	3,339,185	848	4,478,364	2,541	12,368,761	2,601	12,546,019
JUN	1,199	4,912,653	627	3,325,770	861	4,291,982	2,687	12,530,405	2,760	12,793,460
MAY	1,212	5,002,077	566	3,020,791	861	4,288,771	2,639	12,311,639	2,740	12,626,340
APR	1,206	5,298,097	537	3,134,961	810	4,252,414	2,553	12,685,472	2,639	12,976,412
MAR	1,256	5,489,741	625	3,621,828	787	4,188,066	2,668	13,299,635	2,778	13,602,976
FEB	1,249	5,482,666	646	3,618,121	754	4,154,928	2,649	13,255,715	2,756	13,538,160
JAN	1,332	6,087,779	659	3,721,753	894	4,629,733	2,885	14,439,265	2,947	14,644,030
TOTAL 1987	16,121	65,261,801	7,774	41,265,951	11,242	54,290,467	35,137	160,818,219	36,025	163,520,353
TOTAL 1986	18,750	74,941,762	8,144	43,299,889	12,584	60,263,797	39,478	178,505,448	40,317	181,137,620

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 27, 1990[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	86	596,705	83	570,306	811	4,905,860	980	6,072,871
1990: APR	7	39,951	3	27,765	118	712,281	128	779,997
MAR	17	103,437	15	93,157	192	1,111,151	224	1,307,745
FEB	23	171,792	29	222,098	183	1,159,373	235	1,553,263
JAN	39	281,525	36	227,286	318	1,923,055	393	2,431,866
TOTAL 1989	552	3,309,420	622	4,034,012	3,809	20,969,885	4,983	28,313,317
1989: DEC	40	264,020	48	314,150	343	1,848,768	431	2,426,938
NOV	37	238,970	52	310,203	345	1,993,435	434	2,542,608
OCT	32	195,403	45	278,405	372	2,025,647	449	2,499,455
SEP	71	406,798	53	291,305	340	1,929,363	464	2,627,466
AUG	51	254,786	55	393,508	316	1,829,225	422	2,477,519
JUL	46	284,717	50	344,803	312	1,816,249	408	2,445,769
JUN	43	244,664	54	341,044	317	1,644,590	414	2,230,298
MAY	37	250,571	48	320,518	316	1,616,388	401	2,187,477
APR	61	355,838	50	292,220	286	1,548,973	397	2,197,031
MAR	48	320,461	47	314,653	298	1,542,491	393	2,177,605
FEB	40	232,961	54	381,081	239	1,392,110	333	2,006,152
JAN	46	260,231	66	452,122	325	1,782,646	437	2,494,999
TOTAL 1988	806	4,891,529	691	4,661,335	4,714	26,798,826	6,211	36,351,690
1988: DEC	58	356,934	66	404,491	399	2,385,636	523	3,147,061
NOV	58	330,873	64	411,047	376	2,154,904	498	2,896,824
OCT	66	422,412	77	478,698	464	2,521,986	607	3,423,096
SEP	71	444,663	49	321,200	374	2,166,348	494	2,932,211
AUG	54	287,675	47	262,321	416	2,350,405	517	2,900,401
JUL	69	396,353	60	401,295	410	2,268,068	539	3,065,716
JUN	70	426,193	62	431,865	389	2,171,116	521	3,029,174
MAY	54	343,346	60	465,277	390	2,081,075	504	2,889,698
APR	85	563,634	61	410,528	377	1,987,196	523	2,961,358
MAR	65	387,156	45	323,919	373	2,187,368	483	2,898,443
FEB	74	487,356	51	395,742	355	2,160,801	480	3,043,899
JAN	82	444,934	49	354,952	391	2,363,923	522	3,163,809
TOTAL 1987	895	5,298,115	694	4,592,755	5,168	27,215,769	6,757	37,106,639
TOTAL 1986	995	5,973,498	754	5,129,864	5,503	29,949,741	7,252	41,053,103

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING APRIL 1990

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	613	3,051,570	431	2,454,774	427	2,410,771	1,471	7,917,115	1,503	8,054,849
1990: APR	118	425,619	30	170,267	223	1,187,548	371	1,783,434	374	1,806,441
MAR	276	1,397,085	177	1,068,483	143	863,625	596	3,329,193	617	3,415,397
FEB	131	745,035	134	776,508	27	169,345	292	1,690,888	296	1,708,212
JAN	88	483,831	90	439,516	34	190,253	212	1,113,600	216	1,124,799
TOTAL 1989	181	562,243	174	708,676	82	435,793	437	1,706,712	445	1,727,175
1989: DEC	41	139,983	69	266,299	15	106,082	125	512,364	125	512,364
NOV	32	84,901	28	114,362	10	43,093	70	242,356	71	244,752
OCT	16	48,011	17	84,167	14	79,535	47	211,713	47	211,713
SEP	18	51,019	17	70,622	14	46,653	49	168,294	49	168,294
AUG	23	60,221	6	35,190	7	36,340	36	131,751	40	136,851
JUL	19	50,669	13	57,860	5	21,046	37	129,575	39	135,192
JUN	9	18,513	1	8,126	3	10,508	13	37,147	14	44,497
MAY	10	48,504	7	23,527	1	6,550	18	78,581	18	78,581
APR	2	7,308	1	5,052	6	21,847	9	34,207	9	34,207
MAR	1	7,797	6	17,548	4	22,087	11	47,432	11	47,432
FEB	5	28,792	5	15,671	3	42,052	13	86,515	13	86,515
JAN	5	16,525	4	10,252	0	0	9	26,777	9	26,777
TOTAL 1988	69	169,803	17	42,679	35	139,287	121	351,769	122	354,219
1988: DEC	6	13,216	4	12,701	1	16,060	11	41,977	11	41,977
NOV	8	21,059	6	14,662	1	3,610	15	39,331	15	39,331
OCT	5	24,300	1	1,545	2	4,495	8	30,340	9	32,790
SEP	6	22,752	2	3,056	1	1,242	9	27,050	9	27,050
AUG	3	6,560	2	6,655	3	16,445	8	29,660	8	29,660
JUL	5	8,169	0	0	2	3,935	7	12,104	7	12,104
JUN	15	33,200	1	1,860	4	34,725	20	69,785	20	69,785
MAY	12	21,061	1	2,200	7	25,296	20	48,557	20	48,557
APR	5	8,919	0	0	9	5,785	14	14,704	14	14,704
MAR	1	2,025	0	0	2	16,200	3	18,225	3	18,225
FEB	2	6,117	0	0	1	7,964	3	14,081	3	14,081
JAN	1	2,425	0	0	2	3,530	3	5,955	3	5,955
TOTAL 1987	61	104,115	3	6,028	23	95,424	87	205,567	91	227,252
YRS PRIOR TO 1987	131	194,074	105	363,090	189	451,069	425	1,008,233	428	1,012,067
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,055	4,081,805	730	3,575,247	756	3,532,344	2,541	11,189,396	2,589	11,375,562

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of April 27, 1990. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period March 31, 1990 through April 27, 1990. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.